

**SIGNPOST**  
the weekly newsletter of  
St George's, Tuffley  
with St Margaret's, Whaddon

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering  
'Growing God's Kingdom'



Sunday worship  
26 March 2023

**LENT 5**  
**Welcome**

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar Rachel or one of our Church Wardens, (Mike or Sylvia at St George's) (Jonathan or Hans at St Margaret's) or the door steward. If visiting St George's, please join us for tea/coffee after the 10.30am service. Both churches are fitted with an inductive loop; to hear the service better those with hearing aids should switch them to the appropriate setting.

**If you are feeling unwell, please could you stay at home.** Thank you.

**For your own comfort...**

Please feel free to sit at any time during the service.

**Toilet facilities at St Margaret's...**

Unfortunately, the toilet at St Margaret's is not usable at the moment. We shall let you know when the facility is restored.

**Messy Church:** Have you got neighbours with young children? Let them know the Church in Tuffley plan to run 'Messy Church' sessions each month. **Due to Covid some sessions may be cancelled so we advise the relevant Church Website is checked.**

**St Barnabas:** Next meeting is on Good Friday from 10.00am until 12.00noon

**Grange Baptist Church:** Next meeting is on last Sunday of the month so **today at 10.30am.**

**Thank you...**

for all your generous saving of plastic tubs for Easter gardens. We now have enough for all the children. Thank you all so much. Laine.

**Stations of the Cross, Via Dolorosa or Sorrowful Way:** 10.30am on Holy Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April in St George's Church. Join us as we walk the fourteen steps with Jesus, as he carries his cross – a cross that has been 2000 years in the making. At each station there is a short Bible reading, a reflection and short prayers. The service should last no longer than an hour.

**Order of Service**

**Jesus – the resurrection and the life**

*The hymns listed below are for the service at St George's*



**Processional Hymn** 32 And can it be

**Prayer for Today**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Scriptures for 26 March**

**Ezekiel 37 The Valley of Dry Bones**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

**Psalm 130**

I Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; **let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, **O Lord, who could stand?**  
3 But there is forgiveness with you, **so that you shall be feared.**  
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; **in his word is my hope.**  
5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, **more than the night watch for the morning.**  
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, **for with the Lord there is mercy;**  
7 With him is plenteous redemption **and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

### **Romans 8**

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **John 11 The Death of Lazarus**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

### **Jesus the Resurrection and the Life**

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

### **Jesus Weeps**

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

### **Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life**

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

### **Sermon - Rev'd Rachel**

### **Declaration of Faith**

### Intercessions

**We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:**

Angela, Susan, Laura, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Margaret & Mark, David, Carol and Family.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Marlene Thomas 30<sup>th</sup>, David & Kim Westcott celebrate a wedding anniversary on 27<sup>th</sup>, Rev Rachel & Paul celebrate their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on 30<sup>th</sup>.

### In Memoriam:

Michelle Bishop RIP

### Anniversaries of Death:

Albert Woodcock, Nigella Greening (Priest), Jill Harrison, Barbara Russell, Brian Lane, Margaret Durham, Frances Rollinson, Thelma Hewins, Paul Waite, Vivian Clarke, Reginald Mason, Gerald Boots, Lionel Lewis, Muriel O'Donoghue, Margaret Temple, Betty Lewis-Walker, Steven Ricketts.

If you would like your birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost, please let Glenda know.

**Offertory Hymn** 738 When I survey the wondrous cross

**Communion Hymn** This I believe by Hillsongs' Worship

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and  
sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Final Hymn** 104 Christ triumphant

### News & Diary Dates from 26<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Sun 26	<b>Lent 5/Passiontide</b> <b>April Crossroads available</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia E <b>Readers:</b> David / Sylvia C <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda M <b>Coffee:</b> Sylvia / Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	3.30pm	MH	Diocese Treasurers
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo let
Mon 27	10.30am	SH	Aphasia-Now
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Lent Prayers</b>
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
	7.30pm	LC	Lent Group 5 'From Now On'

Tue 28	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free Tuesday
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>LC</b>	<b>Lent Prayers</b>
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 29	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	12.00am	St M's	Interment of Ashes for the late Daphne Reeves RIP
	2.00pm	LC	Lent Group 5 'From Now On'
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Lent Prayers</b>
	7.00pm	V	Fayres Planning Cttee
Thu 30	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 31	2.30pm	Grange	Quiet prayer Group
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 1	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.00am	St G's	Church Cleaning
	10.00am	HPHS	Litter Pick
Sun 2	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> David <b>Readers:</b> Linda M / Derek <b>Intercessions:</b> Sylvia C <b>Coffee:</b> Joceline

**St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,  
MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall,  
SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel,  
GB = Grange Baptist, HPHS = Holmleigh Park  
High School**

### Lent Prayers – Online & In Person

Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 8.15am will continue to be online on Zoom. **If you have a computer (with a camera and microphone), an iPad, or an iPhone** we can send an invite to your email address. **If you have no devices to connect to the internet, but have a landline telephone** you can still join in, please speak to Rachel for more detail. **Lent Prayers will be by via the Internet using Zoom on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesdays 29<sup>th</sup> March, both at 5.00pm. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March we will meet in person in the Lady Chapel at 5.00pm**

### Let Us Entertain You: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Yes, another evening of entertaining is planned for your jollification. If you would like to take part, please speak to me as soon as possible before I seek you out myself and I'll put you in front of the microphone. I have a few names already but am looking for more.

Cheers Darrell

### Turkey And Syria Earthquake Appeal

Our collection bucket is still out at the back of St George's. To date you have been so generous that almost

**£250.00** has been donated, and will be passed to the Earthquake appeal shortly. Please continue with your generosity in the weeks to come. Thank you.

### **St George's Day Dinner 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm**

Enjoy a meal, with a choice of two main courses plus a vegetarian option and a selection of puddings. The cost will be £15.00 (which is being subsidised by the Social Committee). The evening will start at 6.30pm with a sherry reception in the small hall and the evening will close with some community singing. **Please note amendment to start time.** Speak to Sylvia Evans to book your place.

### **FOODBANK**

❖ Keep bringing items for the Foodbank on a Sunday. Collection point is the tray at the back of the Church. The Foodbank are in **URGENT NEED OF**  
**LONG LIFE MILK, (Not Chilled)**  
**LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, (Not Chilled)**  
**TINNED SPAGHETTI,**  
**TINNED MEAT, (E.G. Corned Beef, Ham)**  
**TINNED FRUIT,**  
**TINNED RICE PUDDING,**  
**TINNED CUSTARD,**  
**PACKET INSTANT MASH,**  
**PACKETS OF BISCUITS,**  
**SMALL JARS COFFEE,**  
**SHAMPOO, DEODORANT,**  
**NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND 6**  
**BABY WIPES.**

Thank you!

### **Know someone who:**

- ❖ is without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

### **Keep picking up the phone!**

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).



### **WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Every week on a Tuesday**

**10.00am Said Holy Communion at St George's**

**Every week on a Wednesday**

**8.15am Morning Prayer on ZOOM**

**Every week on a Thursday**

**10.30am Parish Communion at St Margaret's**

**all are welcome**

### **COFFEE POT this Tuesday**

**in THE SMALL HALL**

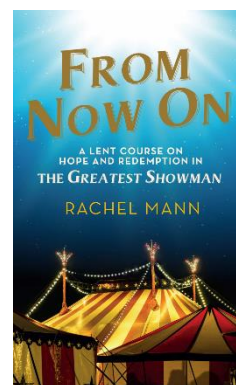
**from 9.30am**



**FUN AND FREE TUESDAY's**

**at St George's**

**from 1.30pm until 4.30pm**



**Lent groups continue this week...**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

**and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm**

**in the Lady Chapel**